

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
February 8, 2005
A.V.A.S. Public Park, 7:30pm

Members Present: Dave Cumming, Melissa Wells, and William Lionetta.

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Public Present: Josh Hoagland and Kara Damon

Call To Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

Approval of Agenda

D. Cumming made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented; motion was seconded by M. Wells and passed.

Approval of Minutes 1-11-05

D. Cumming made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 11, 2005 as presented. The motion was seconded by M. Wells and passed.

Old Business

Basketball Program- K. Troendle reported that the fifth and sixth grade boys team was canceled because there were not enough players to fill the court for each game and also the team did not have a coach. Alton is playing New Durham, Gilmanton and Somersworth. Medals will be distributed to the players after their last game on February 26, 2005. The department has received many positive comments on the program and the parents are asking to please continue the program next year.

Winter Festival- The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 19, 2005. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 12:45pm. Parks and Recreation events include: Ice Bowling, Family Scavenger Hunt, Great Alton Bay Bed Race, and Snow Shoe Walk. Gunstock Ski Area donated five tubing passes for first place prizes for the bed race. The Lions Club is sponsoring Cro-Puckey, Mt. Major Snow Mobile Club is sponsoring the radar run and clubs from the school are going to sell refreshments.

Bay View Pavilion- Bob Haverty said he will look into the building being purchased by local businesses and then being given to the Town for a recreational center and will get back to K. Troendle when he has more information on how to proceed.

Commission Member Vacancy- There is a vacancy on the Commission with the resignation of Fran Washburn. The Commission has three active members plus a member from the Board of Selectmen. K. Troendle said one of the Selectmen was appointed to sit in for Jim Washburn.

Half-Marathon- The Commission is going to have a Beach Party theme with music and beach props. The half-marathon is May 7, 2005.

New Business

Alton Youth League Request- The Commission received a letter from the Alton Youth League requesting field use from April 2 through the month of June. They will forward the Certificate of Insurance once they receive it. D. Cumming made a motion to approve the request pending receipt of the Certificate of Insurance, the motion was seconded by M. Wells and passed.

Summer Programs- Craft Fair- K. Troendle asked the Commission for their thoughts on continuing the Old Home Day Craft Fair. Last year the weather was a factor and some of the vendors left even though they were suppose to stay for the duration of the event. The Commission recommended increasing the participation fee to \$85.00 to help off set the cost of additional advertising and to make up the difference in revenue from vendors that do not return. Swimming Lessons- K. Troendle said the Town of New Durham has offered to co-sponsor Swimming Lessons with the Alton Parks and Recreation Department. The lessons will be held in New Durham and taught by a certified Swim Instructor. Adult Softball- K. Troendle will contact New Durham to see if they would like to participate in the Adult Softball League this season.

Town Meeting Warrant Articles- The Commission discussed the Warrant Articles being proposed at Town Meeting. K. Troendle said she would like to present information on some of the Warrant Articles in a Power Point presentation with photos. M. Wells offered to help with the presentation set up.

Project Grants- K. Damon said she has experience in grant writing and there is grant money available for projects. She said she'd be interested in researching for grants. D. Cumming recommended contacting Mike Whalley who is a representative as he may have some information on available grants; J. Hoagland said he would contact Mr. Whalley.

Information Exchange- D. Cumming volunteered to present his summary of what the Alton Parks and Recreation Department does including programs, facilities and our mission statement at the Information Exchange meeting on February 19, 2005 at PMHS.

The Washburn's- The Commission received a Thank you card from the Washburn's for the plaque that was presented to them for their volunteer support and contributions to the department programs.

Dog Waste Signage/Disposal- K. Damon brought up the idea of providing small bags to help dog owners in the parks. It is something she has seen at other dog friendly parks and the people have been using the bags to help keep the park clean.

Adjournment

M. Wells made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm; motion was seconded by D. Cumming and passed. **The next meeting is March 15, 2005 at 7:30pm at A.V.A.S. Public Park.**

*Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Troendle, Certified Park and Recreation Professional
Parks and Recreation Director*